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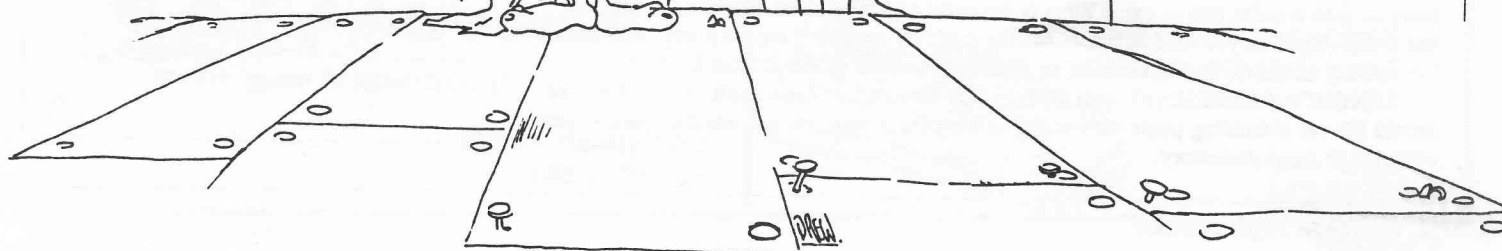
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HEY!! HEY, MOMMY?
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WHAT'S THAT OVER THE
POOL? THAT'S NOT A
PLASTIC SOLAR COVER!!
CAN YOU GET THAT THING
OFF OF THE POOL, CUZ,
I WANNA SWIM.
COME ON, MOM, CANNEEVE SWIM,
JUST EVEN A LITTLE BIT?
PLEEEEEEEEEEZ??!!

I DONT CARE IF I
CAN ONLY SWIM FOR
A LITTLE BIT, MOMMY?
IT'S OKAY. BUT
I WANNA SWIM.
HOWCUM WE AREN'T
SWIMMIN', HUH,
MOMMY?

I WANNA
SWIM!!!
WAAAAAAAH!!!



Test the teachers first!!

Matthew Fordahl

Earlier this year, teachers in Texas had to take a test to demonstrate their competence. This action, one in a series to improve public education in Texas, caused much controversy. The state government believed that reform was necessary after statewide student test scores fell below the national average.

The competency test was given to every teacher in Texas. If a teacher failed the test the first time, that teacher would get another chance. If the same teacher should fail the test a second time, the teacher would be fired. Not surprisingly, many teachers, especially those teaching non-academic subjects, were complaining about the test. The test itself was centered on grammar and reading skills, not each teacher's individual subject.

Texas has set a precedent that should be observed by all states that want a high standard of education. Secretary of Education William Bennett, concurs with the Texan plan. He believes that the competency test will be commonplace in the very near future.

California ought to be the next state to institute a mandatory competency test for its teachers. First, there should be testing of all teachers in California. The exam should test reading, speaking and writing skills. There are many teachers, some may even be here at Granada, who can neither spell nor speak properly in the classroom.

If there is ever a statewide competency test in California, there will be boycotters as there were in Texas. These teachers believe that they have already been tested for competency when they were in college and a second test is not necessary. These teachers seem to be ignorant of the tendency for people to forget: a competent teacher one day may not be a competent teacher twenty years later. It is imperative that all incompetent teachers are weeded out of the system because if the education of future citizens falters, the society will falter.

The millions of dollars given to California schools by the lottery will be useless to the students unless the teachers can teach competently. It is time for reform in the educational system of this state.

Vending machines-- at your service?

Jennifer Silveria

Have you ever had one of those days when you woke up late, pulled on your jeans, grabbed your books, and headed out the door without slowing down to eat a nutritious Cheerios breakfast? Then, your stomach begins to growl in the middle of your third period class.

In the old days we used to be able to make a mad dash to the vending machines between morning classes. But, is that privilege available to us today? Noooo!!

As I'm sure you already know, the "vendies" are closed from 7:45 to 11:00 every morning. Why? Teachers have been complaining about students being late to class, and showing up with junk food. Also, the less coordinated people have been bringing sodas to typing and computer classes, and spilling them all over this expensive equipment. "Anything [equipment] we get, we have to keep for a long, long time," said Mr. Medeiros. I can understand that, food shouldn't be allowed in class- but why deny food to people who have a free period in the morning.

What I really can't understand, is why the machines are closed before lunch and open after lunch. Do kids run quicker between afternoon classes, or are they just not hungry during this time? And if this is the case, why have them open at all?

The reason man invented vending machines was to allow those who are hungry and in a hurry to grab a quick bite to eat. What is the point of having these machines if we can't use them? Sure, they're used at lunch, but big deal, we could sell anything available from the vending machines during lunch in an unoccupied corner of the Student Union.

I think if the vendies aren't open all day, they shouldn't be open at all. I also think we should fill our swimming pools with water, or bury them with dirt and use the space to park cars...but that's another story.

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Man on the street

"Well... Exxcuuuuse Me!!!....."

"Oh, Dude, it's 12:39! I'm late for Algebra class. What'll I say? Hmm, better think of something good, eh? Don't want Mr. Teacher to know that I was really enjoying my third box of Chicken McNuggets for lunch." Sound familiar? Well, probably not, but we're sure you've done something sometime that you had to make up an excuse for. So we asked you what you thought were some of the best excuses you'd ever heard or said. You can guess what they were used for...

Ben Davis, Senior

"I had to go to the beach to get my Vitamin D."

Liz Hudson, Sophomore

"Really, Mom, my eyes are red cuz' I sprayed hair spray in them."

Mr. Sneeringer, English Teacher

"I couldn't turn in my paper because my dog peed on it."

Sean McCue, Sophomore

"There was a nuclear holocaust and I had to take a different route to school."

Mrs. Peck, German Teacher

"My cat threw up on my notebook."

Debra Pires, Junior

"I was out front talking, Mom, you must not have heard me."

Manuel Rabara, Senior

"I can't be funny right now."

To tell you the truth, we didn't think some of these were the best excuses in the world, so we decided to see if we could find

some more. We checked the attendance office and found out about some interesting things. Sometimes it can be a mistake that makes an excuse memorable. These were actual notes written by parents for Vallejo area schools:

"Please accuse John for being absent January 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33."

"Sarah was absent yesterday because of a sore trout."

"Please excuse Gloria. She has been sick and under the Doctor."

"My son is in the doctor's care and should not take P.E. Please execute him."

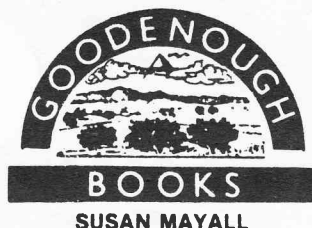
"Cerlof was hit yesterday playing football. He was hit in the growing part."

"Please excuse Sandra from being absent yesterday. She was in bed with gramps."

"Irene was absent this morning because she missed her bust."

"Please excuse Sarah for being absent. She was sick and I had her shot."

Well, what did you think? Did you like any of them? Which was your favorite? If you can think of any really bizarre, funny, or clever excuses that you've heard, used, or thought of, send them to: T.V.'s Bloopers and Practical Jokes or Reader's Digest Magazine. Well, until next time. Oh, by the way, if you find any errors in this article it was because...umm...er...because...oh yeah!-- It was because terrorists from the Insect Liberation League bombed our Roach Motel (yea, that's it), and fragments of it might have struck the computer and caused an error in the program (yea, that's the ticket).



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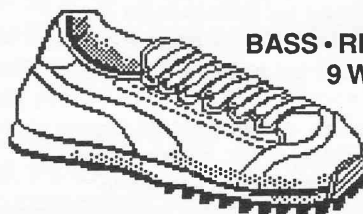
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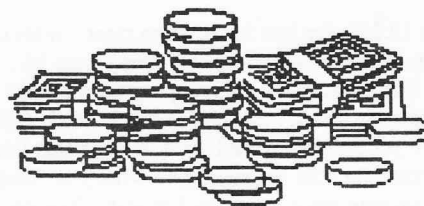
Lotsa lottery loot lands in Livermore

Brad Carlson

The Big Spin! The Gold Rush! The Lottery! Big deal, right? Actually, it sort of is. You've heard the commercials, "Our schools win, too." True, we win. Some. To this point the Livermore School District has received about \$533,000 from the Lottery. The District is paid four times each year. Our district is expected to get about \$900,000, or so, from July 1 to June 30 of this year. All this Lottery money will be added to what we already get from the state. Leo Croce, superintendent of schools, reminds us that this \$900,000 is actually less than three percent of the entire District budget. About 37% of all the money collected from the Lottery goes to schools and 16% goes toward administration costs. Apparently, there is a bill in the legislature that calls for a 4% decrease in administration money (that would boost the education funds).

Great. All these numbers are splendid but where do they come from? They come from this thing called Average Daily Attendance (A.D.A.). The state figures out how many people attend school in our district daily. They figure an average and... Presto! We get money! In our district, if the money were to be divided among individual students, each student would get about 60 bucks (I'll take mine!). This year in Livermore each student is receiving an extra five dollars. But this deal is only for this year.

What are we gonna do with the money? Croce will make



recommendations to the School Board as to what *should* be done with the money. Croce says that the Board is going through a process to allow input from the public and other people before making a final decision. He says that in approximately one month, he will have a better idea about what to do with the money. As you know, there is a big push to reopen Livermore and Granada's pools.

Croce mentions the Science Program at the elementary level, the Core Math Program at the high school level, the Science Tutoring Program, and the Vocal Music Program as a few things that have been helped by Lottery money. At this time, though, no formal recommendations have been made. And, by the way, he didn't say anything about reopening our pool.

Capitalizing on super senior CAP scores

Jeff Schnitter

Granada recently received the results from the CAP (California Assessment Program) test and the results were outstanding. It is a test given by the state of California to all seniors during the month of December. It tests to see how students are doing in the following basic skills: reading, writing expression, spelling and math.


Last year was the first year that California awarded money for good results on the test. In order to receive any money the school has to test at least 93% of its seniors and the scores have to be better than the previous year's scores of that school. Granada met both of these prerequisites and appears certain to receive a large amount of money from the state.

This year's seniors did better in every portion of the test than last year's seniors. Last year the seniors answered 67.6% of the questions correctly in reading, 67.5% in writing expression, 70.1% in spelling and 75.7% in math while this year's seniors checked in at 69.1%, 69.4%, 72.0% and 76.7% respectively. The class of 1985 had a net increase of three percentage points over the class of 1984 and thus, the school received \$13,700. This year's net increase totalled 6.3 percentage points. Because of this dramatic increase Granada will receive \$45,660 from CAP.

Once Granada receives the money, Student Site Council will oversee the spending of it. Mr. Medeiros has recommended and gotten the approval for two new computers to be purchased for the journalism department. Beyond that, he's not sure how the money will be spent.

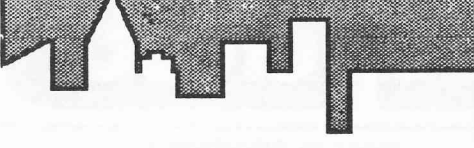
This year's scores marked the "seventh or eighth year in a row that scores have been improved" according to Mr. Medeiros. He says he was "pleased to death" over the results. In addition to

this, Granada recently received one of Alameda County's twenty Distinguished School Recommendations. Of these twenty, ten will win awards. You're looking good, Granada; keep it up!



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You may pay for those rays one of these days!

Rená Taylor

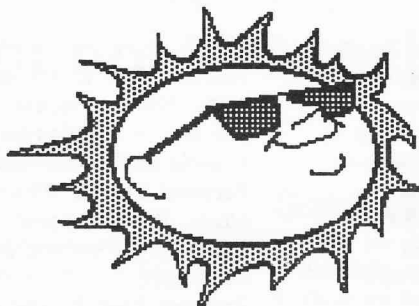
Have you ever felt "out of place" because you didn't have a tan? Or how about when you've gotten sunburned, and stayed red for days? This applies to many people especially during the summer. Sunbathing is fun, but there is a catch: there are over 400,000 new cases of skin cancer each year due to excessive sun exposure.

Regular exposure to strong sun light over many years not only breaks down the elastic tissues in the skin and makes it look prematurely old and wrinkled, but it has also been linked to various forms of skin cancer as well.

There are three types of skin cancer: Basal Cell Carcinoma, Squamous Cell Carcinoma, and Malignant Melanoma. Basal Cell Carcinoma is the most common of the three. The cell damage usually occurs with long-term exposure to sunlight. Symptoms often include small, flesh-colored, or sometimes pearly-looking lumps appearing on the skin. Usually, this cancer occurs on the face.

In Squamous Cell Carcinoma, the underlying skin cells are damaged. This often leads to a life-threatening tumor. As with Basal cell damage, strong sunlight seems to be the main cause. The symptoms are similar to those of Basal Cell Carcinoma.

Malignant Melanoma is the most dangerous of the three types of skin cancer. Unlike the other two, Malignant Melanoma often



spreads throughout the body. A mole that changes suddenly is often a symptom of Melanoma. The mole may become lighter or darker. It may even spread to adjacent skin. This is usually indicated by a black "margin" near the mole. Fortunately, Malignant Melanoma is not as common as the other forms of skin cancer. Early recognition, diagnosis, and treatment is essential for recovery.

When sunbathing, do it sensibly. During the hours of 10:00a.m.- 2:00p.m, the chances of developing cancer are greatest. Since it is hottest during this period of the day, it is generally better if the sunbather waits until late afternoon. Skin is generally very sensitive after winter since it is not accustomed to light or heat. Thus, when the time comes to sunbathe, do it sparingly at first.

Suntan lotions are probably the most common method of prevention of skin cancer. During early summer, it is wise to use a lotion with lots of protection. Later in the summer a lotion with lower protection can be used, if the sunbather is cautious about how much time he stays out in the sun.

If you are a sunbather, the best advice is to be careful about the amount of time spent out in the sun. Even with the use of sunscreen or sunblock lotions, it would not be wise to throw caution and your sunbonnet to the wind!

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Numerology

The nine year cycles of your life

Christina Moir

Have you ever wondered why you are drawn to a particular number? Perhaps the same number appears on your house or phone number, your locker combination, or on your school books. The system of numbers called numerology can provide guidance based on these numbers or other numbers relating to a birthdate. Numerology is a belief system (or a philosophical system) that says that the history of a person is based on nine year cycles. The "history" includes all the phases and thinking processes of a complete or fully developed individual.

All numbers can be reduced to a single digit and each digit has its own meaning. The letters in your name can be translated into numbers and a meaning can be derived from those numbers. The nine year cycle ranges through focusing on yourself and building your self-esteem to finally focusing on the service you can give others.

Each year a person has a number which governs the direction and focus of that year. The numbers move from 1 through 9 and then repeat. If you have not learned the lessons of the number for that year in this cycle, you will repeat it nine years later. You will discover that you have strong positive or negative experiences with each number. It is up to you to make it a positive experience.

The method of figuring out your single digit number for your birthdate is as follows:

a birthdate 6/24
add each digit together $6+2+4=12$
then add the last digit of the current year(1986) $12+6=18$
add the two final digits and you have your number $1+8=9$

Personal Year 1: This is the year of independence and hard work. You need to learn to be self-reliant and productive. This year sets the direction for the next eight years. (Or you will seek to avoid making decisions and hide in your bed for the year.)

Personal Year 2: This is the year for being supportive of others. It is also a year to follow through on the plans you made last year. (Or you will avoid others and change your mind constantly.)

Personal Year 3: This is a year of rhythm, music, dance, and creativity. (Or you will refuse to release your creative talents.)

Personal Year 4: This is a year of organization and self-discipline. It is a year to clean up your act and your room. (Or you will decide to become a total slob.)

Personal Year 5: This year is the mid-point in the nine year cycle. It is a year of high emotions and changes, travel and adventure; a year for paying attention to your "humanness" (Or you can refuse to honor your fellow humans and/or take any risks.)

Personal Year 6: This is a year when you will discover how important your family and your friends are to you. (Or you might rebel against your friends and your family.)

Personal Year 7: This is a year for reflection and self-analysis, writing and thinking. (Or you might refuse to read a book and ignore all self-reflection.)

Personal Year 8: This year you will find yourself focusing on power and money. (You'll either make it or lose it.)

Personal Year 9: This year is the end of the nine year cycle. It has two important points: It is a year of endings and a year to be of service to others—in the school or the community. You will discover that old friends and old stories will pop up unexpectedly. You must decide what you want to carry over to the next nine year cycle and what you will say goodbye to. It's not a good year to make long term commitments.



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Spring Vacation is over. The next school break is not until Memorial Day. Yet the beach appetite has been whet. The sun is hot and school is not; you want to go. If you've already bought this year's bathing suit and want to get started on your tan immediately, going to the beach is hard to resist. But resist you must. Before the temptation of sand, surf and sun draws you away from school and studies, read this article.

To beach, or not to beach

Kimberly Lutz

Prom

- If you don't have a date to the prom, you could meet your dream person at the beach and not have paper to write down his/her phone number.
- If you do have a date to the prom, you might meet someone better and then you will be utterly and totally destroyed for the rest of your life.
- If you're wearing a strapless dress to the prom, chances are you'll either be peeling, have wicked bathing suit lines, or be ten different shades of red. Regardless, your prom pictures will remain an embarrassment that you won't be able to live down.
- If you do get a second-degree sunburn (which is inevitable) your polyester tuxedo will itch terribly and slow dancing will be out.



Parents

Your parents *will* find out because:

- You're sunburned. ("No mom, seriously, we held school outside today")
- You have sand all over you. ("I'm not kidding dad, I took up triple-jumping")
- You smell like coconut tanning lotion. ("We were doing an experiment on tropical fruits in science")
- The school computer called your house. ("They're just testing it out—sort of like a fire-drill")

So, before you do anything rash, stop, don't throw away all your responsibilities. Consider the consequences. If, however, you insist on being reckless and disregard this article, remember one thing—take me with you.

Sand, Surf & Sun

- There are sharks in the ocean. Sharks kill people, especially teenagers who surf.
- There are little kids in the ocean—little kids wear diapers.
- Sand is something you can't get rid of. A week after you've returned from your unlawful expedition you will find sand in your hair, ears, belly-button, clothes, car, carpet, bed, and dog.
- There are crawly, slimy things in the water.
- When riding the waves you'll either get caught in the undertow and drown, or swallow salt water and throw-up.
- Suntan lotion does not work. If you use #15, you won't get burnt, but you won't get tan. If you use anything else, you'll get burnt. Regardless of what you do, the tanning endeavor is pointless.
- If, at the age of twenty, you have enough wrinkles to merit a face lift, the premature aging is probably due to cutting school.

Miscellaneous

- Your grades go down if you cut school.
- Don't care about grades? You need to pass Economics and Civics to graduate.
- You might get hurt playing Ultimate (people do).
- Don't forget about gas-money!
- For those poor sophomores and freshmen who have to walk to the beach (your beach being Shadowcliffs), the cops might pick you up.

ROAD HOG (U.S. HIGHWAY 1)



The unknown Mr. Carlson

Robyn Hartley

Has it ever crossed your mind that teachers may do other things besides give tests, write on chalkboards and torture us all? Teachers can't always return our tests the day after we take it or read sixty essays in one night nor should they be expected to. They have hobbies and activities, other than preparing us for the outside world.

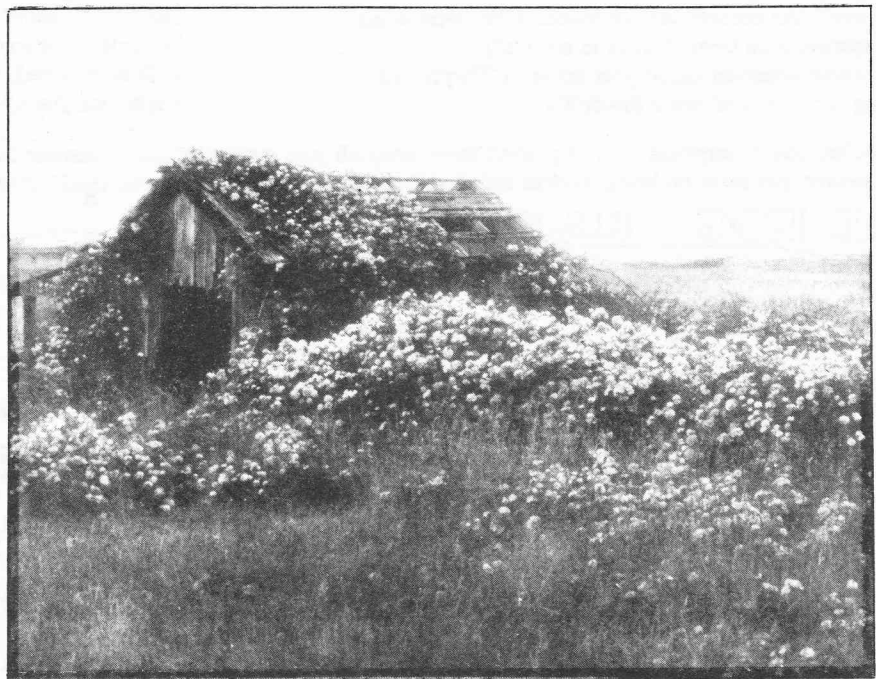
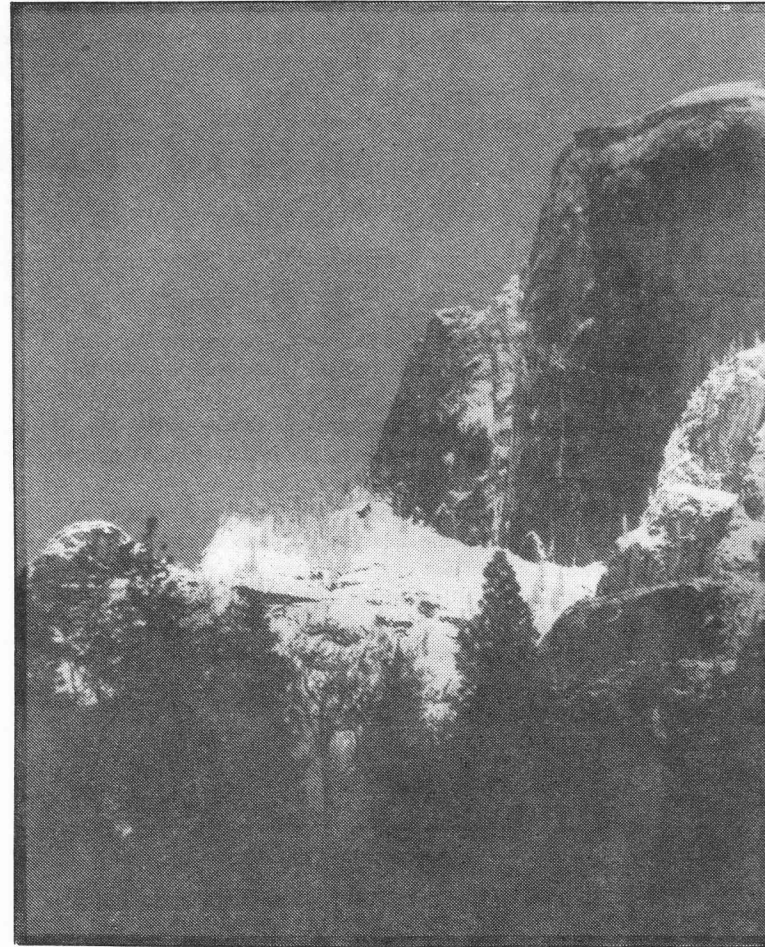
Mr. Carlson is an excellent example of just that. Not only does he do all the normal "teacher" things but he's also an excellent photographer.

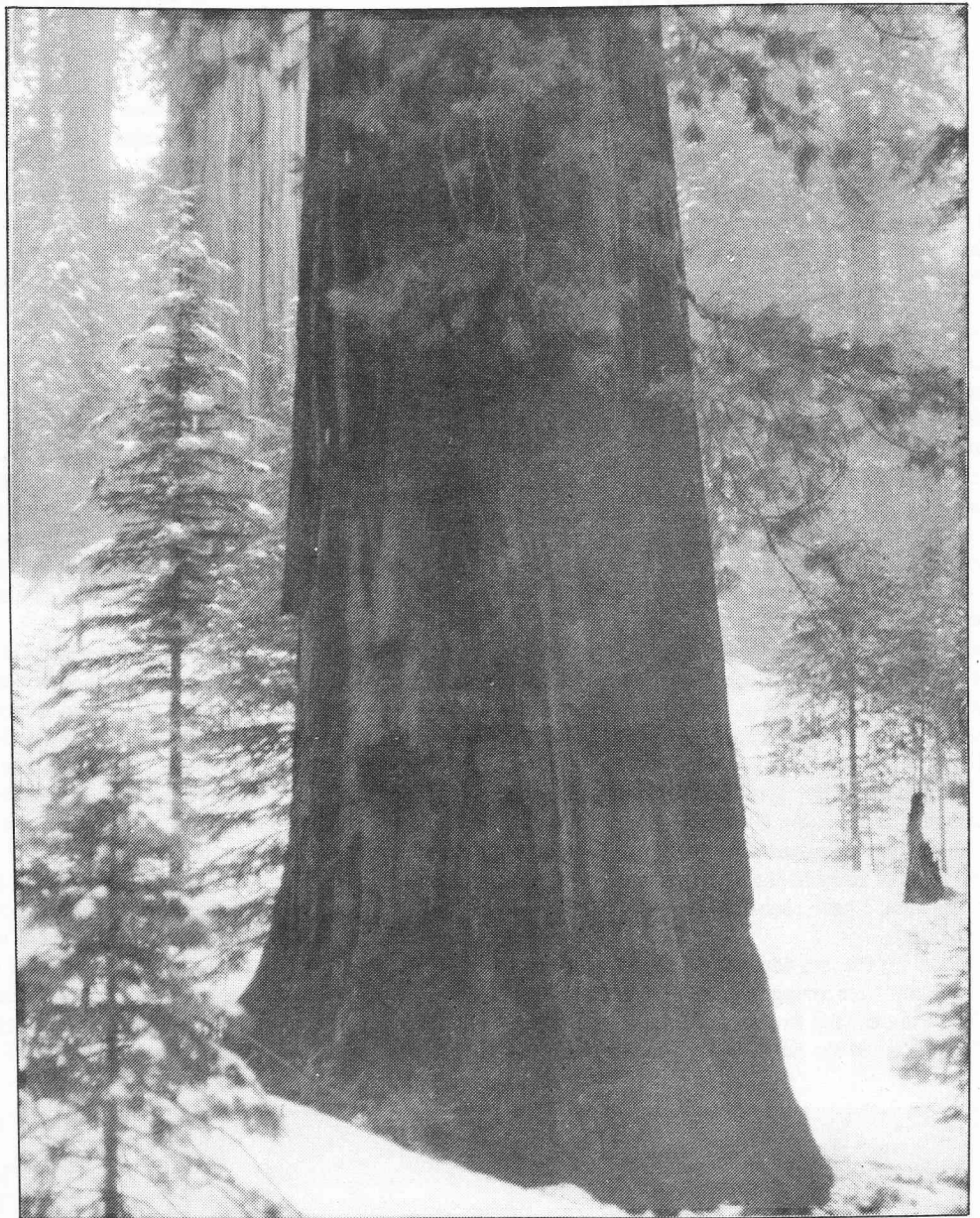
Mr. Carlson has spent the last twenty-two years, at Granada, teaching students (whether they care to learn it or not) and on the side photographing a variety of subjects. These "subjects" vary, but basically revolve around nature, which makes sense due to the fact that he spends most of his time in the mountains (either on his own or with his Field Biology class).

His interest in photography stems further back than his interest in backpacking. He began experimenting with the camera in elementary school and followed this interest ever since. Ansel Adams, a well known photographer, showing in Yosemite when Mr. Carlson was just starting to follow his interest inspired him even more.

Not only does his picture taking bring him enjoyment but also additional income which will become his entire salary and career when he retires from the teaching profession.

The hardest part now for Mr. Carlson is finding the time to take pictures and develop them in his home dark room, but the results are well worth the sacrifice he makes.





Photographs by Rolland Carlson

Prom-misses

Prevalent preventative prevarications

Bryan Smith



As one stumbles through the waning glory of the vernal equinox, it becomes apparent that many people are assiduously preparing for that perennial practice of pristine pleasure, namely the Senior Prom.

As unbelievable as it may sound however, there are some individuals who continue to insist that the demonstrated extravagance of the Ball does not reduce the discovery of fire to insignificance. These people may not have a true desire to even attend the Ball. There are also those individuals who mar the true social spirit of the Ball by insisting that they will attend only if accompanied by one of several Adonis or Aphrodite-like individuals.

It is obvious that these people would quickly be considered social misfits and ostracized in order to prevent possible harm to normal members of high school society, if they could be recognized. The person who does not treat the Senior Ball with the respect and awe that it truly deserves is unfortunately very clever. He is a master at manipulation, a wonder with words, and the quintessence of quibblers. And, he has at his disposal the weapon that has done more damage to high school high society than the school gym: The Prom Excuse.

In order to quickly spot the misfits who must resort to this dastardly deed, I have taken it upon myself to provide a list of both the type of person who would resort to such base measures, and a list of some of their better excuses. To provide for ease of recognition, I have classified the individuals in groups.

Group I

These are the individual who, due to some traumatic experience when they were young, do not wish to attend the Senior Ball. Their excuses tend to blame others:

"I would go to the Ball, but my parents are going to be out of

town that week, and I promised my mom that I would talk to her plants."

"I was thinking about going, but my boss insists that I be available to tutor all new employees on the importance of proper mayonnaise spreading."

"I was really going to go, but it falls on the same day as the turnip festival in my grandmother's home town in Czechoslovakia, and I promised that I would help celebrate."

Group II

These are the people who would like to go to the Ball, but ignore its social aspects by refusing to ask anyone to escort them. Their excuses usually revolve around themselves:

"I would go, but I just got a haircut, and it will take at least a month before it gets to where I like it."

"I would go, but the only dance that I know is The Tango."

"He, she, it, wouldn't go with me anyway."

"My car is dirty."

Group III

This group is by far the most infamous. These are the people who want to go to the Ball but, through the grace of Varsity Sports, are above the bourgeois cretinism that abounds in high school society. To maintain their social status, they must wield their excuse as delicately as a neurosurgeon's scalpel. They must carefully fend off a passionate peon's plea without destroying his adulation:

"I would go with you, but your favorite color and my favorite color clash, so when we got dressed, we would look bad together."

"I would love to go with you, but that's the same day that I have to get new rubberbands for my braces."

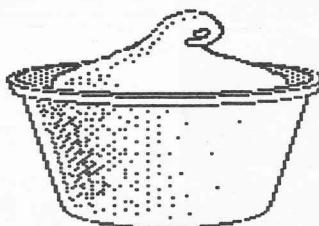
"I would go with you, but I just bought this new brand of shampoo, and I've been dying to try it out."

"I would go with you, but you remind me too much of my brother (or sister)."

So, in order to provide for the continuing enjoyment of this gem in the crown of high school society, it is imperative that people who use a Prom Excuse are caught early. Sit them down and explain to them that man invented the wheel in order to get to a prom. The pyramids were the Egyptian answer to the school gym. And, indeed, the discovery of fire does pale to insignificance in the blazing glory of the Senior Ball.

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When all else fails...take the chauffeur

Laura Morgan

It's that time of the year again. The flowers are in bloom, the sun is shining. It is spring, and the event that everyone has been looking forward to and dreading at the same time is just around the corner: THE PROM.

Now if you're like the normal, typical teenager, the prom is not a new thing to you. In fact, you've probably been worrying about it since about the beginning of your sophomore year. (And you thought pre-Homecoming anxieties were bad!) Now that it's creeping up on you with no mercy, you're probably beginning to panic. "How am I ever going to pay for this? Where am I going to get a dress?" And most importantly, "How will I ever get a date?"

If you'd been smart and started saving money at the beginning of your sophomore year instead of just sitting there worrying, you'd be in luck. You'd have at least enough money to buy yourself an escort. But there are drawbacks to this method. Don't think so? Just wait until the escort you paid \$200 for shows up at your door wearing leather pants, spikes, and chains. As you stare at him in amazement you realize he is bald, at least 250

pounds, over seven feet tall, and has the word "KILL" tattooed across his forehead. Look forward to a really fun evening.

Another option is to take the chauffeur. Just ask the limo company to give you the youngest, cutest driver they've got. Of course, you'll look a little suspicious getting into the limo with no male at your side. But that's okay. Anyone can think of something to say under pressure. You can always tell him your date is invisible or hasn't been born yet.

Try something really traditional: go to Stargaze or Tiffany's. There it's pretty easy to pick up a guy. And the dim lighting is a plus, too. He won't have to see what you really look like until after you've twisted his arm into taking you.

If all else fails, you could always take your cousin Melvin. Just smile and tell everyone he just recently underwent major surgery. Threats to life and limb could possibly get some action. Write an ad on your Chemistry desk, or take one out in the classifieds. Heck, buy the whole front page! Do whatever you have to. It won't be easy, but do it! The prom only comes twice in a lifetime, and is something no one should miss.

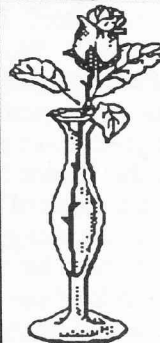


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Don't like it? Do something about it!

Jodie Mitchell

Changes. Think of all the changes that could be made in this school. Your voice and your opinion are what count.

Are you tired of some of the school rules? Let's face it, most of the rules we have are just fine, but I am sure there are a few that should be changed. Do we want to be able to wear shorts whether it's freezing or not? Isn't it our choice? Besides, why can't we? We all know that some girls around this school wear miniskirts that are shorter than the walking shorts that we want to wear. Do we want to be able to wear sweats at the dances? T-shirts? Etc...

Speaking of dances--why can't we have an outside dance like Livermore High School does? I can see why we can't fence off an area like Livermore, but if all the students get together and think about it, something could be arranged. Think of those fun warm nights. The nice air makes you want to be outside, not inside a gym sweating to death with no room to breath.

Don't you hate waiting in that long line for snacks? Do you have any suggestions to solve this problem? How can you improve this situation?

You might have some ideas for the yearbook. Do you like the way this yearbook is put together? If not--what do you do about it--NOTHING!! We all just complain to our friends that we don't like the way it was designed. Well--do something about it! Write a letter. Suggest your ideas to someone. I mean don't you think the Senior Memories should be in the book, not on a piece of paper? Are there too many pictures of one thing and not enough of another? Should there be about 10 pages reserved in the back of the book where students could buy a page to dedicate to a friend, teacher, boyfriend or girlfriend?

Well, all these are ideas. Ideas YOU should put into consideration. Don't sit around and wait for them to happen. Write a letter, talk to your fellow students, or talk with the Student Legislature about your feelings. YOUR ideas are what count!!!

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Don't blindfold that cow, you're breaking the law!

Dave J. Harrison


Although people disagree with some of the laws this country has, there are a few that just don't make any sense at all. Below is a list of these laws. As you read them, try to figure out why in the world anybody would think it was necessary to have such restrictions. If you can come up with an answer, let me know.

- In South Dakota, an eighty-year-old woman cannot stop on the street to talk to a young married man.
- Singing out of tune in North Carolina is against the law.
- A woman cannot take a bath in a business office in Carmel, CA.
- In Natoma, Kansas, it is illegal to practice knife throwing at someone wearing a striped suit.
- In Kentucky, a man may not marry his wife's grandmother.
- According to a health ordinance in Riverside, California, kissing on the lips is illegal unless both parties first wipe their lips with carbolized rose water.
- It is against the law to drive camels along Nevada's main highways.
- A Kentucky statute reads:
"No female shall appear in a bathing suit on any highway within this state, unless she is escorted by at least two officers or unless she be armed with a club."
- A subsequent amendment to the original statute reads:
"The provisions of this statute shall not apply to females weighing less than 90 pounds nor exceeding 200 pounds; nor shall it apply to female horses."
- It is illegal to set a trap for a mouse in California without a hunting license.
- In Hawaii, it is illegal to insert pennies in your ears.
- In Gary, Indiana, it is illegal to attend the theater within four hours of eating garlic.
- It is illegal for a dog to come within ten feet of a fire hydrant in Sheridan, Wyoming.
- In Denver, the law insists that dogcatchers notify dogs of impounding by posting a notice on a tree in the park.
- In Paulding, Ohio, it is legally proper for a policeman to bite a barking dog to quiet him.
- In Idaho, you cannot fish from the back of a giraffe.
- In Baltimore, it is against the law to mistreat an oyster.
- Arkansas state law prohibits the blindfolding of cows on public highways.
- In our state, it is illegal to peel an orange in your hotel room.
- In Michigan you may not hitch a crocodile to a fire hydrant. But what about an alligator?
- The law forbids women of Oxford, Ohio, from undressing in front of the photograph of a man.
- In San Jose, sleeping in your neighbor's outhouse without his permission is a no-no.
- It is illegal for bees to fly over the town of Kirkland, Illinois.
- In Berkeley, you cannot whistle for your canary before seven o'clock in the morning.
- Railroad cars left standing in the public streets in Baltimore must be properly chained.
- It is unlawful in Maine to arrest a dead man.

...And at Granada, there's a law that suggests that shorts are obscene before May 5.

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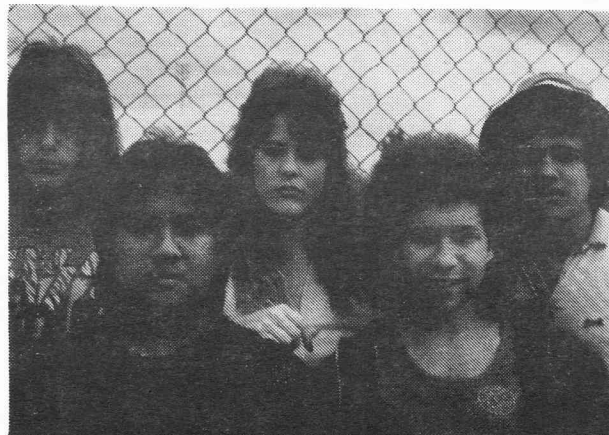
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ASYLUM: Local band rocks Livermore

John Hinderliter

Although the name ASYLUM may not mean much to students on campus right now, it won't be long before this rock band's name will be associated with parties and gigs throughout Livermore. The five-member, "progressive metal" band is a unique formation in that all five of the members are current Granada students. The band was formed in June last year by lead guitarist Marv Domingo, bassist Rich DiBari, drummer Leonard Gomez, and singer Dana Moore. Just last month, the band's newest member, rhythm guitarist, Jimi Russell, joined up and the band is ready for gigs with its four originals and, according to Jimi, tons of copies they can perform. To earn their first few gigs, scheduled for early summer, they have had to practice together at least twice a week and devote countless hours to their instruments on an individual basis.

The music they play varies in intensity from say METALLICA to Marv's personal favorite, RATT. The band effectively uses its energetic style in performing, especially when one stops to consider that none of the members has more than 3 years of experience on their respective instruments. They aren't cocky and



don't expect to be any more successful than they make themselves. And with the way they work and the attitude they share, that may be why students at Granada will see and hear more of ASYLUM in the next few months.

Fine Arts show: An integration of talent

Maranatha

On the 27th and 28th of May, a touch of culture will reach Livermore. The Fine Arts Club is giving a show to integrate the fine arts and provide the public with a look at the various aspects of art. When one hears the word *art*, too often one pictures (no pun intended) a painting or a drawing. However, in addition to visual art, this show hopes to provide a window to dance, music, drama, and literature. If you enjoyed "Godspell," "The Pops Concert," or "Assorted Nonsense," (put on by the Granada Players) then you'll love this show. In addition to music and drama the show will draw upon all of the fine arts in a conceptual amalgamation of display and performance. You might say "oh boring, what's so great about a bunch of pictures and people?" The key word is *people*. The Fine Arts Club is comprised of all different kinds of people. Those who like to use labels might say that they are "Dramies," "Breakers," "intellectuals," "Preppies," "Artsies," and yes, even "Cheerleaders and Jocks!" Maybe you're used to putting up a social barrier when you see someone who doesn't dress the same way, or hang around with the same crowd.

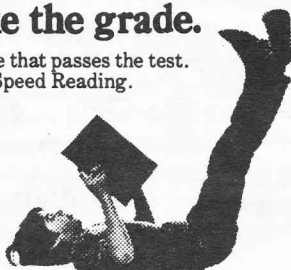
This show gives you a chance to look beyond the "feathered blonde" or "spiked-up, purple" hair, the "Reeboks" and the "drapes." Did you see someone the other day who was different and think, "I have more in common with my Algebra teacher than I could possibly have with that person!" The Fine Arts Club isn't trying to bring about a major social revolution, and surely its members realize that not everyone has cultivated an appreciation for art. However, they are all unique people who share the belief that everyone has some special talent to share. Art is a form of self expression. This show is an opportunity for the Fine Arts Club to share its talents, and for those who look, a chance to see past the label. For anyone who is not currently a member of the Fine Arts Club, but would like to be, or anyone who has a work of art that they would like to share, please contact Ms. Myers (club advisor), or Russell Gonzaga (club president) right away. For further information on the show check the El Aviso, or the calendar in *The Wall* (a street journal).

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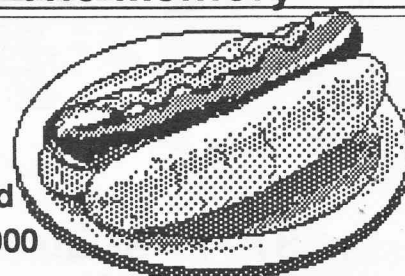
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Terri Lee

In the year 1983, the Livermore Unified School District had to make severe budget cuts. The school board decided to close down the swimming pools at Granada and Livermore High Schools so that they could redistribute the annual costs of \$80,000 around the needy district. The pools were sacrificed as a temporary solution to a (hopefully) temporary problem.

All life-saving, water polo, aquacalesthenics, and swimming lessons had to be removed from the physical education curriculum. The PE department at Granada was very concerned about taking all swimming out of PE classes. "Drowning is the third most common cause of death among teenagers," stated Anne Fowler, PE Area Chairperson. "Many high school students need to learn to swim; they would definitely prefer to learn among kids their own age, instead of students much younger."

The PE curriculum wasn't the only problem caused by the pool closures. Granada and Livermore's competitive swim teams suddenly found themselves without a place to swim. The teams were fortunate to be able to rent the pool at the Livermore Lab, and then at May Nissen. The price of renting an off-campus pool is many times less than that of opening our own, but there are numerous disadvantages to swimming off-campus. Granada's swim team lost precious pre-season practice time, and were forced to

forfeit their first league meet because they were not yet prepared. Many potential swimmers decided against the sport because of the time of practice (6-8 pm) and the location (May Nissen Park.)

Perhaps the most unfortunate disadvantage of swimming off-campus is the lack of support for the swim team. Instead of being among the over 200 athletes indulging in the pain and pleasure of practicing around Granada, they are isolated. Very few spectators come to cheer on the meets and show their support for the team, while often over a hundred spectators come to support on-campus competition, such as softball, baseball and track.

Opening Granada's pool would add diversity to the PE program and help the swim team gain the support that it needs and deserves. These wishes for the re-opening of the pool may actually be realistic. The School District may have adequate funding to re-open one or both of the pools in time for the 1987 swim season, due to lottery monies and budget changes. However, to receive the funding, everyone's support will be needed. To try to bring the swim team home and restore a refreshing and essential PE course, please attend the school board meeting at the District Office (the corner of Las Positas and Murrieta) on Tuesday, May 20, at 7:30 pm. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Grab the Cracker Jacks: Baseball is back!

Aaron Axelson

Granada Baseball swung into action as it opened the 1986 EBAL season with a 10-4 thrashing over the California Grizzlies. Coach Mike Vingo feels confident that his team has the potential to be a top contender, and if his team can stay a competitive team early on, the team will gain the experience needed as the season progresses. If Granada will gain the experience needed to be a top team, and with a strong pitching performance from the pitching staff, Granada could have a chance to beat heavy favorite Monte Vista or the San Ramon Valley Wolves.

"Every team in the EBAL has the talent to be a top contender" stated Junior prospect centerfielder, Vince Farfan. "If every team member does their job, then we could have the chance to take it" Farfan said. Farfan is certainly doing his job. After the first eight EBAL games, Farfan was hitting .393 including 10 runs, 10 RBI's and a home run.

Junior pitcher Jim Mathis, who led his team with three victories last year, is showing everyone that not only can he pitch (4-1, 21 strikeouts, 1 complete game) but he can hit (.375 for the first eight games of the season). Speaking of statistics, shortstop Jim Perkins and Shiloh Roten are certainly producing some offense. After eight games of the season, Perkins was hitting .310 and Roten was batting an impressive .423, including 9 RBI's.

Looking at the young infield, lone Senior Darin Davis returns at third base. If Davis' experience can influence the rest of the infield, and if he could continue his hot .385 batting average, then the Mats could have a chance to stay on top in the EBAL.

The fate of the team could lie in the hands (I should say the right arm) of Junior Tom Jameson. Granada needs a good performance from Jameson in order to provide the one-two punch of Jameson and Mathis, which makes up the major part of the staff. Relievers Greg Grass and Erik Neilson provide the relief talent necessary to strengthen the pitching.

Overall, if Granada can gain the experience needed to be a top, competitive team, and if it can get a strong performance from the pitching staff, perhaps the Mats would go nowhere but up in the standings.

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- MAY 7: SPORTS-** Baseball at Foothill, 3:30.
- MAY 8: SPORTS-** Boys' tennis v. Foothill, 3pm. Track at Dublin, 3pm. Softball at Amador, 3:30.
- MAY 9: SPORTS-** Swimming v. Monte Vista (@ May Nissen), 3pm. Track at Monte Vista.
- MAY 13: SPORTS-** Boys' tennis v. Livermore, 3pm. Track at Foothill (EBAL Trials).
- MAY 14: SPORTS-** Softball, Shaughnessy Playoffs, 3:30.
- MAY 15: CONCERTS-MADNESS** at the Fillmore, 9pm. **SPORTS-** EBAL Diving Meet, 10am. Boys' tennis at Amador, EBAL Tournament. Track at Foothill, EBAL Finals.
- MAY 16: SPORTS-** EBAL Swim Meet, 9am. Boys' tennis, EBAL Tournament. Softball, Shaughnessy Playoffs, 3:30.
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